

Co-Chairs Senator Joan Hartley and Representative Jeff Curey, Honorable Members of the Commerce Committee:

I wholeheartedly echo the testimony of Jo-Anne Basile, Executive Director of CT Votes for Animals in imploring you to oppose Raised Bill 5263.

Frankly, I was horrified to learn that the legislature was considering allowing rabbits to be factory farmed in this state under the guise of expanding commerce. Expanding the scope of such activity in this day and age when legions of organizations and individuals are fighting to eliminate puppy mills and all types of cruelty in the businesses of animal testing and other animal agricultural production just doesn't make sense.

Further, I question the the ability of Connecticut's already overburdened DOA to inspect and enforce practices in new facilities.

Rabbit farming is not the type of commerce this state should consider. Please don't let this effort go any farther.

Thank you,

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